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FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 8: Chapter 4, Subchapter 13, Article 1.5, Section 6251 of the Logging and Sawmill Safety Orders

First Aid Requirements for Fixed Sawmill Operations

MODIFICATIONS AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RESULTING FROM THE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There are no modifications to the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

Summary and Response to Oral and Written Comments:

No written comments were received.

<u>Dialogue between Board Members and Board Staff during the January 20, 2005, Public Hearing in Sacramento, California:</u>

A dialogue took place amongst Board members and Board staff regarding existing text contained in Section 6251(d)(1) which states, "Standards for first aid and CPR training shall follow the principles of the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized agency." There was concern that the phrases "follow the principles" and "or other nationally recognized agency" might be vague, and whether the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) should be addressed. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the existing language was satisfactory and that any amendments proposed at this time would be outside the scope of this rulemaking action. The Board recognizes that the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross are finishing a thorough review of scientific evidence regarding Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and first aid, which includes the use of AED's. The Board agreed that upon publication of this research, a review of existing Title 8 CPR/first aid standards should be addressed through the advisory committee process.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

DETERMINATION OF MANDATE

This standard does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts as indicated in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board invited interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulation. No alternative considered by the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted action.